

KUROPATKIN
ON OFFENSIVERussians Attack on Japanese
Yesterday.

TWO GUNS CAPTURED

An unconfirmed report from Mukden says that the Russians have captured forty-seven guns.

The report that another Japanese army of four hundred thousand men would shortly reach Manchuria is ridiculed by the members of the general staff, who say such a thing is impossible. They further assert that the war has now reached a point where Russia is able to renew her armies more rapidly than the Japanese can theirs, and this will be apparent in the results of the next battles.

Have Finally Embarked.

Copenhagen, Den., Oct. 21.—The Russian Baltic fleet today weighed anchor off Skagen and steamed into the North Sea. The vessels have finally embarked on the long journey to the far East.

GUILTY OF MURDER.

Gercon Marx, the Connecticut Farmer, Will Be Sentenced Today.

New London, Conn., Oct. 20.—Gercon Marx, the aged Colchester farmer, who has been on trial for several days charged with the killing of David Rodock, a farm hand in his employ, last spring, today was found guilty of murder in the first degree. The jury was out for hours, during which time all the evidence was reviewed, and the vote for the extreme penalty was unanimous. Marx probably will be sentenced to death by hanging tomorrow.

Widespread interest in the case was occasioned by reason of the fact that the authorities believe they have connected Marx with other murders on his farm. The state claimed that Marx killed Rodock rather than pay him six months' wages which were due, and that he afterwards cut up the body, sewed it in a sack and buried it in an old cellar. The same manner of disposing of the body of a second farm hand is said to have been followed.

The prisoner showed no concern when the verdict was announced. He is 73 years old and has been married several times, his present wife being held as an accessory to the crime.

WILL HASTEN HIS TRIP.

Sec. Taft Will Proceed Directly to Colon on the Dolphin.

Washington, Oct. 20.—It is probable that because of his desire to hasten his work on the isthmus as much as possible and to leave the congressional committee about to visit Panama more leisurely in their movements, and more accommodations for their party on the army transport Sumner, Secretary Taft will proceed directly with a small party from Tampa, Fla., on the United States steamship Dolphin to Colon. He expects to have a conference with Chairman Hepburn of the House committee on inter-state commerce, regarding the trip. The visit of the committee to Panama for which preliminary arrangements have been made is declared to have an object entirely different from that on which Secretary Taft will go.

RACING AT MEMPHIS.

Grace Bond Won Kentucky Stock Farm Stake—Fast Time in 2:07 Pace.

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 20.—Grace Bond, the Lexington futurity winner, easily defeated a field of five three-year-old trotters in straight heats for the Kentucky stock farm stake here today. Grace Bond was always favorite and led Alia Asworthy, which was well played throughout the race.

Sphinx X won the concluding heat of the 2:07 pace, unfinished from yesterday. The time: 2:04 1/4, 2:05 1/2, 2:07 1/4, and 2:03 1/4.

Miss Jeanette outclassed her field in the 2:30 trot and won eased up in three straight heats.

Tillie Saal, favorite, won the 2:12 pace handily from Lulu May.

MORE LAND WANTED.

Fort Ethan Allen Will Be Considerably Enlarged in the Near Future.

Burlington, Oct. 21.—The latest project of the United States government for the enlargement of Fort Ethan Allen is to begin arrangements for the buying of a very large tract of land for the extension of the drill ground. The drill ground at present comprises nearly eighty acres of ground. About twenty acres of trees bound the parade on the north. These trees will be cut down and it will make it one hundred acres.

The ground to be purchased includes the Vermont state camp ground of over fifty acres and all the property owning and facing on the military post road.

SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Hear Addresses on Different Phases of Their Work.

Rutland, Oct. 21.—It was estimated that there were about 725 teachers present from all parts of Vermont when the second day's sessions of the 53rd annual convention of the Vermont State Teachers' association began in this city this morning. The convention will undoubtedly be the most successful in the history of the organization.

An address on "The Value of Play in Education," was given by Miss Bertha M. McConkey, supervisor of primary schools at Springfield, Mass., at the morning session. During the morning conferences were held at the high school building on music, drawing and reading. These were in charge of Miss Helen Hibbard, supervisor in the state normal school, Miss Alice L. Rand of Rutland, and Walter E. Ranger of Montpelier, state superintendent of education, respectively.

The afternoon session began at Baxter Hall at 2 o'clock with an address on "The Work and the Worker," by Charles S. Chapin, principal of the state normal school of Rhode Island. This was followed by conferences on history, grade work and secondary English. These were in charge of H. K. Whitaker of Brattleboro, C. H. Dempsey of St. Johnsbury, and Isaac Thomas of Burlington, respectively.

NORTHFIELD.

Programme of Exercises in Observance of Rev. W. S. Hazen's Anniversary.

Northfield, Oct. 21.—Following is the programme of the fortieth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. William S. Hazen, D. D., as pastor of the Congregational church at Northfield, to be observed today at 2 p. m.

Organ prelude; anthem; reading of scriptures, the Rev. J. E. Kimberly; prayer, the Rev. F. B. Kellogg; response; address of welcome, J. L. Moseley; brief statement, pastor; short addresses representing: (a) "Congregational State Association," the Rev. F. E. Herlick; (b) "Washington Conference," the Rev. F. A. Pooler; (c) "Montpelier Association," the Rev. L. H. Elliott; hymn; (d) "Churches of the Town," the Rev. Walter Dole; (e) "Educational Interests," Prof. C. G. Brill; (f) "As a Citizen," the Hon. Frank Munsey; prayer and benediction, the Rev. E. W. Sharp. A reception will be held in the evening at eight o'clock at the home of the pastor.

FIVE TRAINMEN KILLED
IN A TRAIN WRECK

Freight Trains on the New York Central Came Together in Collision—Much Property Destroyed

Geneva, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Two heavy freight trains came together here on the New York Central road this morning, killing five members of the crews and injuring a number of others. A great damage to property resulted.

BLOODHOUND ON TRAIL.

An Attempt Made to Find Lester J. Stafford, of Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, Oct. 20.—After searching with a posse four days for Lester J. Stafford, an idiot, who ran away from his home in Guilford, John E. Gale, of that town, guardian for Stafford, last night ordered a bloodhound from Plattsburgh to continue the search. Although there is little likelihood of finding the trail, he thinks the dog will stimulate interest in the search.

Stafford is 33 years old and owns considerable property by inheritance. He is afraid of everyone, and would approach no one to ask for food. For this reason Mr. Gale thinks there is little probability of finding him alive. He has offered a reward of \$100 for the recovery of his ward.

Hears Choate Will Retire.

Manchester, Eng., Oct. 21.—The Guardian learns that American ambassador Choate will retire after March 4, next, whether President Roosevelt is re-elected or not. Whitelaw Reid is mentioned as his successor.

Old Billiard Balls.

Worn-out billiard balls are usually cut up into dice.

Crime in Lapland.

In Lapland the crime which is punished most severely next to murder is marrying a girl against the express wish of her parents.

A Great Old Apple Tree.

Close to the shore of Eastern river in West Dresden, Me., there is an apple tree which has few equals. It stands thirty feet high, measures ten feet three inches around and spreads fifty feet. Its owner has gathered in some years thirty bushels of apples from this tree, which is said to be more than 100 years old.

Women in Peru.

One of the curious social laws of Peru forbids women to attend funerals, and they do not appear at weddings, except as one of the principles, unless they are very intimate friends of the contracting parties.

Paris Police Methods.

When a prisoner resists the Paris police they take off one of his shoes and compel him to walk like "my son John." He is so hampered usually by this treatment that there is no further trouble. If this is not enough they cut off his trousers buttons and force him to use his free hand to hold on his garments.

SWEEPING
EASTWARDStorm of Great Intensity
Strikes New York and Boston

WIND 46 MILES AN HOUR

Widespread Between Boston and New York—Prostrated and There is Practically No Communication Between Them.

Boston, Oct. 21.—A severe storm which developed considerable intensity in eastern Pennsylvania this morning is doing much damage in its passage eastward. Telephone and telegraph lines began going down early in the forenoon and at one o'clock Boston was practically cut off from New York so far as wire communication was concerned. At that hour the storm had reached Springfield, and that city had but slight wire connection with the Hub. The wind is blowing forty miles an hour.

COAST DAMAGE FEARED.

New York Was Struck by Storm Early This Morning.

New York, Oct. 21.—A downpour of rain accompanied by a gale of wind at 46 miles an hour early today prostrated telegraph and telephone wires and brought discomfort to thousands on their way to business. Local transportation lines were seriously interfered with and it is feared that much damage has been done by the high wind along the coast.

WROTE 65 PASSES.

Humorous Incident in Connection With the Curfew Law.

Burlington, Oct. 21.—A few evenings ago the boys of the Young Men's Christian association were placed in a very peculiar position with regard to the curfew law. It was boys' night and an entertainment was carried out. The program did not end until ten o'clock and when the boys prepared to go home it occurred to Mr. Fitzsimmons that the curfew law might get them into trouble. He went down and saw a policeman.

As the best, but was informed that he had no authority to let the boys come on the street. Chief Russell was consulted and he advised the secretary to write passes for each boy, over 65 in number, and that the police would let them pass. This was done and all of the youngsters were able to get home after a long and tedious job by their obliging friend, Mr. Fitzsimmons.

GOT LICENSE TO HUNT.

William Lindsay of Boston Takes Out First License to Kill Deer.

Fish and Game Commissioner Thomas issued today the first license to a non-resident deer hunter under the law which went into effect today, requiring those to pay \$15 for the privilege. William Lindsay of Boston is the first man licensed to hunt under the law.

Commissioner Thomas has sent to all the towns of Vermont letters relating to the new law.

Deer Hunters in Plenty.

Rutland, Oct. 21.—A small army of deer hunters came to Rutland from out of the state this morning, to be ready for tomorrow's opening of the deer season.

DEATH OF VETERAN.

W. E. Lawson, Brother of Mrs. Samuel Carr of Barre, Died in Montpelier.

Montpelier, Oct. 21.—William E. Lawson, brother of Mrs. Samuel Carr of Barre, died this morning, after an illness which was caused by a sunstroke sustained in the army. Mr. Lawson was born in East Montpelier 63 years ago, was a member of Co. E, 13th Vermont Volunteers and Brooks Post, G. A. R. He belonged to I. O. O. F. and J. R. Order I. A. M.

A funeral will be held Sunday at 3 p. m., from the Unitarian church.

A Hen Thief Fined.

Rutland, Oct. 20.—Sylvester Jackson of Timmuth, colored, was fined \$15 and costs of \$8 by Judge Loveland Munson in the county court this morning for stealing 17 Plymouth Rock fowls from Irving Goodrich of Wells, September 20 last. The case of the State vs. Charles Van Guilder of Poultony was given to the jury about 5:30 p. m. tonight and up to a late hour no verdict had been reached. The charge in the case is assault with intent to kill.

Mott Gets 4 1/2 Years.

Rutland, Oct. 21.—Ernest Mott, a well known resident of Proctor, who was arrested for assaulting a nurse in the Proctor hospital, was found guilty in Rutland county court and given the maximum sentence of four and a half years in Windsor prison.

Fred Anderson, who broke into a freight car of the Delaware & Hudson railroad at Castleton, was sentenced to two and a half years at Windsor.

MUST PAY
FOR HUNTINGNon-Resident Deer Hunters
Will Pay \$15 Fee.

FIRST LAW OF SESSION

Governor Bell Signed It This Forenoon—Resident Vermonter May Kill Deer If Their Horns Are Visible, At Present.

Montpelier, Oct. 21.—With the affixing of Gov. Bell's signature to Senate bill 4 shortly after 10 o'clock this forenoon a law came into operation in Vermont regarding the shooting of deer, which is most important as the open season starts tonight at midnight. The law, which takes effect from its passage, was hurried through the House yesterday and only by an inadvertence failed of being signed by the governor yesterday afternoon. The law provides that non-resident hunters of deer must pay a license fee of \$15 and that each hunter may kill one deer with horns not less than three inches in length. These licenses must be procured of fish and game commissioners.

All money received for such licenses issued shall be paid to the state treasurer and may be expended by the fish and game commissioners in the protection of deer and to adjust and pay for any actual damage done to growing crops by deer. Penalties for violation of any provisions of the act are from \$25 to \$100 for each offence.

As the deer hunting laws now stand Vermonters may shoot deer even if the animals horns are not three inches long. There is a bill before the legislature which provides that deer shall not be shot unless the horns are three inches long but it has only passed one branch of the general assembly. Until that bill becomes a law there is a discrimination between resident and non-resident hunters.

Bill By Mr. Bailey of Barre Town.

Mr. Bailey, representative from Barre town, introduced a bill amending the Vermont statutes, the purpose of which is that certain officers should be elected by ballot in towns of less than 3,000 when demanded by three voters present. In towns over 3,000 all town officers shall be elected on one ballot. In towns less than 3,000 all shall be so elected on filing of petition 12 days in advance. When all are so elected the polls shall be open from 10 to 1 o'clock.

Examination of State Vouchers.

Among the bills introduced this morning were the following: by Mr. Downer of Sharon providing that the legislative committee on claims may examine vouchers, files and papers, the meeting of the committee to be open to the public; by Mr. Granger of Williams-town regulating fishing in Staples pond; by Mr. Brooks of St. Albans town making the closed season for bass from April 1 to May 1 by Mr. Lewis of Troy seeking to provide a process by which wills kept in foreign countries by testators domiciled here can be produced and probated here; by Mr. Morse of Randolph to require the cutting and removal of noxious weeds and thistles from highways.

Centralizing Medical Examination.

In the Senate, Senator Lord of Washington introduced a bill providing for a state board of medical registration, the board to take the place of the present board of examiners maintained by allopaths, homeopaths and eclectic schools.

The board shall consist of seven members, three allopaths, two homeopaths and two eclectics. The board shall be appointed by the governor or upon recommendation of the respective medical societies and shall conduct examinations and issue licenses to practice, the license fee to be \$10. Pay of members of the board \$4 per day. Penalties are provided for practicing without license.

On the closing session of the week several bills were passed in the House, including to incorporate the Stratford Co-operative Telephone Co., to incorporate the Enosburg Falls Main Street Cemetery Association, to pay Tuttle company of Rutland for publishing, to pay J. E. Goodrich for compiling Revolutionary rolls; in the Senate several of minor importance went through.

To Regulate Dentistry.

To regulate the practice of dentistry is the title of a bill introduced in the Senate this forenoon by Senator Lord. It creates a board of examiners.

Five members appointed by the governor, all to be practicing dentists. Term of office five years, one to go out of office each year. They shall examine applicants for licenses and grant licenses if applicants are found qualified, upon payment of \$25. Members of board shall receive \$2 per day and necessary expenses for their services. Any person practicing without license shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$100. Licenses shall be recorded by the secretary of state; fee \$0.50. Dentists from outside state may be licensed upon payment of \$25, when they present suitable certificate of competency.

Other bills introduced today were by Mr. Cheney of Newark, amending laws of 1902 relating to taxation of polls; it was referred to the committee on grand list. It includes in exemption persons who served in Vermont militia and assisted in repelling the Fenian invasion; by Mr. Lewis of Troy, relating to the removing of the statute of limitations.

judiciary. No suit or action to prevent the running of this statute unless written thereon is served within 60 days after statute of limitations has run; by Mr. Archibald of Manchester, amending charter of the Bellwood Cemetery association; by Mr. Nutting of Westminster, relating to personal estate and to whom taxed; grand list. Goods, merchandise, stock in trade, debts due and to become due, to be set in the list to the owner, in town where property is located; by Mr. Stevens of Colchester, by request, relating to measuring sawlogs and round timber; committee on manufactures. Establishes a definite rule for such measures; by Mr. Dart of Springfield, by request, allowing agents of Humane Society to take disabled animals and kill them.

AUTOMOBILE LEGISLATION.

General Committee Has Long Sessions—No Report at Present.

Among those who appeared before the general committee yesterday afternoon and last evening for the hearing on automobile legislation were half a dozen or so from Barre, for whom E. W. Bissbee and J. W. Gordon were spokesmen. The committee was in session two hours in the afternoon and about the same length of time in the evening. It is reported that no report will be given until next week.

The representative from Fairlee defended his bill which keeps automobiles off public highways from noon until midnight. Asked by J. W. Gordon if there had been any accidents in his town by automobiles the representative said "No" and explained by saying that none dared to go out.

Representative Campbell of Bellows Falls explained his bill which is modeled after the Massachusetts law and the greater part of the time was given up to a discussion of it. The Campbell bill seems to strike the committee rather favorably but there is one section which doesn't appeal to automobilists. That gives a sort of local option to selectmen and aldermen, allowing them to rule autos off any roads they choose. Among those who protested were the president and secretary of the Brattleboro Automobile club, Charles Harris and E. H. Whitney, E. W. Bissbee and J. W. Gordon of Barre, and Secretary Woolson of the Vermont Automobile Association.

H. C. Shaw, who is employed by Col. Joe Battell of Middlebury, was present in behalf of the horse, representing the "farmers of 20 out of 23 towns of Addison county."

Representative John C. Sherburne of Pomfret was the most bitter against autos and autoists. He declared that his horse was very much afraid of the machines and that it wasn't safe for him to go on the road.

"Did you ever meet an automobile while on the road with that horse?" he was asked. Mr. Sherburne admitted he had never met one.

"Then, why do you know that your horse is afraid of the machines?" was the next question put to him.

"Well, I guess I know," replied the representative. "I've lived with him for 15 years and I know just what he would be afraid of."

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The legislature will meet again Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The bill repealing the noxious animal bounty has now passed both the House and the Senate.

The corridors and committee rooms are busy places nowadays. The members are getting busy.

Senator Fletcher thinks the supreme court judges deserve a raise in pay from \$3,000 and expenses to \$4,000 and expenses.

Judge James M. Tyler was called the "Abraham Lincoln of Vermont" by Representative Start who nominated him yesterday.

There was a lot of fold-deal in the nomination of state officials yesterday. There were eulogies which were scarcely needed.

When Mr. J. K. Lewis of Troy rises to speak in the House everyone settles back to hear bouquets. His speaking is described as peaches and cream.

In nominating Gen. Gilmore for adjutant general, Mr. Darling of Chelsea said there was no "fuss" or snobbishness about the General and that he doesn't "slop over" on public occasions. Correct.

The three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College for the next terms of office are: Governor John G. McCullough of Enosburg, Cassius Peck of Burlington and Gardner S. Fassett of Enosburg.

Ex-Governor H. H. Powers never wined once yesterday when the nominator of George M. Powers, his son, called the younger man a "chip of the old block." He maintained the same stony stare with a countenance as serene as stone.

There was one error in yesterday's report of the election of officers. Hamilton S. Peck of Burlington wasn't elected judge advocate general, but Nathan G. Williams of Bellows Falls was. The office is not good enough for the man but it is a slight recognition of his merits.

Representatives' hall is spoken for next week as follows, Monday evening by Rev. J. K. Fuller's lecture, Tuesday evening by Colonial Dames and Daughters of the American Revolution, Wednesday evening by the wife of the governor, Thursday evening by the Vermont Historical society.

In view of the automobile discussion now on it is interesting to note how the machines are distributed about the state. According to Sec. W. D. Woolson of Springfield there are 215 listed, although it is likely that the actual number is 275. Burlington leads with 39, while Barre is second with 27 listed machines. Brattleboro is next with 26 (it is claimed there are 40 autos), and the other large towns and cities have as follows: Rutland 23, St. Johnsbury 16, Richmond 10, Bennington 7, Woodstock 6, St. Albans 4, Bellows Falls, whose representatives introduced the bill now under discussion, has only 2.

OPENING WAS
AUSPICIOUSLadies of Clan Gordon Begin
Three Days' Fair.

ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR

Pretty Booths and Pretty Attendants—Fair Will Continue Tonight, and Tomorrow Afternoon and Evening.

The Ladies of Clan Gordon order have transformed Miles Hall into a most attractive place and they cordially invite everybody to visit the first annual fair which opened last evening under the highest auspices for success. The hall last evening was filled with people who on entering the hall were forced to exclaim at the beautiful booths and decorations. The booths show the splendid results of much hard work by the ladies, who have worked untiringly and success is bound to repay them for their efforts.

The booths which have especially nice things for sale were very well patronized last evening which was encouraging to the ladies in charge. On the right as one enters the hall is a large booth trimmed with national bunting where all kinds of refreshment are sold by the following ladies: Mrs. John Park, Mrs. James Fraser, Mrs. John Milton, Mrs. Robert Inglis and Mrs. Alex. Ross. The next booth on the right is the candy which is prettily trimmed with lace curtains and evergreen boughs. This booth is in charge of Mrs. William Cole, Mrs. James Milne and Mrs. John Middlebrook. Running across the corner at the right of the stage is a very attractive booth decked in orange and white and across the top in gold letters is spelled the Ladies of the Clan Gordon.

This booth was most attractive to the ladies because of its many beautiful articles which it had for sale. Mrs. Gilbert Phillips and Mrs. George Ralph have charge of this booth. At the side of this booth is the mystery booth which can be solved for the small sum of five cents. Mrs. Peter Mutch explains the mystery.

In the opposite corner of the hall the famous fortune teller, Miss Jeanette, is secluded behind a curtain ready to tell your fortune. The next is a large booth in purple and white where flowers and potted plants are sold by Mrs. George Williamson, Mrs. William Edwards and Mrs. George Angus.

The next booth is without doubt the most attractive one in the hall being gowned in the beautiful Scotch plaids with a small picture of Robert Burns on the front and a larger one hung on the wall inside. Here aprons and other articles of clothing are sold by Mrs. William Cruikshank, Mrs. James Lamont and Mrs. James Coutts. The last booth is devoted to vegetables and is in charge of Mrs. James Milne, Mrs. Alex. D. Smith and Mrs. James Mathieson.

The ladies have arranged a very interesting programme for each evening which will be followed by dancing, music being furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Elmore, Chief Sister Mrs. D. A. Blake spoke briefly at the opening of the programme extending a hearty welcome to the people and in concluding introduced Mayor William Barclay who congratulated the ladies on the excellent arrangements they had made for their fair and wished them the best of success. The remainder of the programme was a reading by Dr. F. M. Lynde and a vocal solo by Mrs. Bradley after which dancing was enjoyed by a large number.

The general fair committee is composed of Mrs. D. A. Blake, chief sister, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Inglis, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Angus, and Mrs. Cruikshank. The officers of the Ladies' order are: Chief sister, Mrs. Etta Blake, vice chief sister, Mrs. Rose Inglis, secretary, Mrs. Belle Anderson; financial secretary, Mrs. Isabelle Charles; treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Hunter.

The Woodmen's Fair.

The Woodmen's fair was especially well patronized last evening and the drill by the Woodmen's team was a pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment.

There will be another drill by the team this evening.

BODY BROUGHT TO BARRE.

Funeral Services of Mrs. J. N. Ketchum Will Be Held Tomorrow.

The body of Mrs. J. N. Ketchum who died yesterday morning in Salem, Mass., arrived in the city this morning and was taken to her late home on Church street where the funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. F. A. Poole officiating. Interment in the Elmwood cemetery.

The deceased leaves to mourn her loss a husband, two sons, Charles, of Salem, Mass., and Elmer, of Indianapolis, Ind., and a daughter, Mrs. A. S. Parkhurst, of Barre, also a brother, William Bradford, of this city and a sister, Mrs. Alice Whalen, of Los Angeles, Cal.

Irving Isham Let Out of Jail.

Montpelier, Oct. 20.—Irving Isham, who was convicted last week in Washington county of illegally shooting a deer and who, while since that time in confinement in Washington county jail, has been dangerously ill, was released today on his own recognizance and taken to St. George by his wife. It was necessary to carry him from the back to the train. He was awaiting sentence when released.